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### **I-80/94 Borman Expressway Construction Project In Final Phases**

*Project Scheduled For Completion in Summer 2011*

GARY, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is now in the final phases of construction on the I-80/94 (Borman Expressway) project to expand lanes on the interstate. The highway is expected to re-open to all lanes of traffic by the end of June 2011.

Construction crews are working on the new lane configuration on the westbound side of the highway. Currently, the ramp from southbound I-65 to westbound I-80/94 remains closed so crews can rebuild it to tie into the expanded lanes on the Borman. That closure is expected to be in place until May 2011. Traffic on I-65 will be directed to eastbound I-80/94, northbound on the State Road 51 (S.R. 51) ramps back to westbound I-80/94.

This project is the final element of the complete rebuilding of the Borman Expressway between the Indiana/Illinois state line and I-65. The project consisted of three contracts over a five-year period that began in spring 2007.

- The first contract included the construction of new ramps from northbound I-65 to westbound I-80/94 and eastbound I-80/94 to southbound I-65, and rehabilitation of three bridges within that area of roadway.
- The second contract, which began construction in 2008, included upgrading I-65 over I-80/94 and upgrading the other ramps between the Borman Expressway and I-65.
- The third contract, which began construction in 2009, includes adding a travel lane and connector lane to eastbound and westbound I-80/94, as well as replacing the pavement between Broadway (S.R. 53) and Central Avenue.

When finished this summer, the new highway is expected to handle traffic volumes for 20 years and will feature:

- More lanes - for a total of four through lanes in each direction.
- New collector-distributor lanes to help motorists easily enter and exit the highway.
- Lengthened interchange ramps and new bridges to maximize vehicle flow.
- Enhanced lighting and improved drainage.

INDOT reminds drivers to use caution and consider worker safety when driving through a construction zone. For the latest news and information about INDOT, visit [www.in.gov/indot](http://www.in.gov/indot) or [www.trafficwise.IN.gov](http://www.trafficwise.IN.gov). Contact the LaPorte District toll free at 1-855-GO-INDOT.

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